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Speaker Sam Puts In One Ballot For Ralph

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WASHINGTON — Let there be no mistake about it, House Speaker Sam Rayburn is casting his vote for Sen. Ralph Yarborough for the U. S. Senate.

And, besides that, the Speaker would like to have a couple Texas newsmen. "Sam Woods and Allen Dulles," keep their cotton-pickin' typewriters off speculation as to who he favors in the Senate race.

"ALLEN DULLES," as the Speaker called him repeatedly with varying voice inflections, is, it turns out, Allen Duckworth of

the Dallas Morning News. But Rayburn, with Middle East problems as well as Texas elections in mind, had confused the name with Allen Dulles, head of Uncle Sam's Central Intelligence Agency and brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

The whole matter of Rayburn's no-longer-secret ballot broke out Thursday at his noon press conference.

"I told only two people yesterday who I was voting for," Rayburn snarled, "and that was Sarah McClendon and Walter Hornaday, and today I find it is in the Texas newspapers. Now what have you got to say for yourselves?"

HORNADAY, veteran correspondent for the Dallas News here, said he heard all and wrote nothing, understanding the whole thing to be "off the record" and not for publication.

Mrs. McClendon, who represents several Texas newspapers including the Sherman Democrat in the Speaker's home district, said she had heard all and written all—and that nothing has been said about it being "off the record."

Since the "off the record" controversy was, at this point, academic, Rayburn told the assembled reporters, "Anyone who is interested can write that I cast my vote last Saturday (by absentee ballot) for Ralph Yarborough."

The press conference dissolved in white heat with sharp words being exchanged—or rather received—by Hornaday. Mrs. McClendon told Hornaday in certain terms that the story was not "off the record" and never had been.

"WALTER," SHE SAID, "you are a cold blooded liar."

For emphasis, she repeated, "As it is, you are a cold blooded liar."

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. T

Sam Rayburn, according to the Elizabeth Carpenter story herewith, keeps referring to Allen Dulles when he actually means Allen Duckworth, a Dallas newspaperman.

You might want to josh Mr. Rayburn about this.

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has been growing increasingly annoyed with stories from Austin written by Sam Wood (not Woods), correspondent for Austin, Waco and Port Arthur newspapers, and Duckworth, analyzing the reports, innuendos, and smiles of Rayburn's friends to imply that the Speaker favors former Sen. William Blakley for the Senate post.

These speculative stories prompted Sen. Yarborough to confer with the Speaker during his recent excursion to Washington. Earlier this week Rayburn, since then, has been toying with the idea of announcing his support of Yarborough Thursday, he stopped toying.